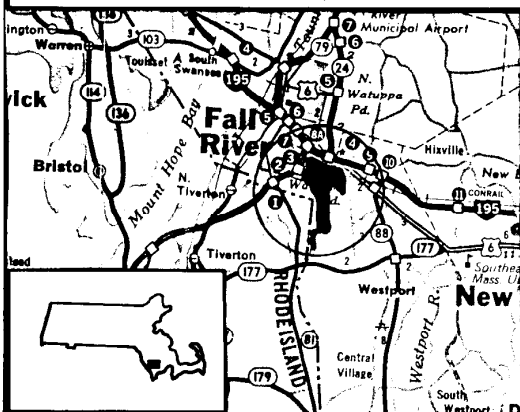


LOCATION



SOUTH WATUPPA POND
 (FALL RIVER - WESTPORT)
 AREA = 1283 Acres

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NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

**SOUTH
WATUPPA POND**
Fall River / Westport

Bristol County

Mount Hope Bay Watershed

Latitude: 41.6655993 N Longitude: 71.1292074 W



1,283 Acres

Depth: 15 feet Average
22 feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:

*Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth
Bass, Tiger Muskie*

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General Information:

South Watuppa Pond in Fall River and Westport is a large 1,283 acre warmwater pond with an average depth of 15 feet and a maximum depth of 22 feet. South Watuppa Pond is an enlarged great pond and is located east of Route 24 and just south of North Watuppa Pond, Route 6 and Route 195. The pond receives water from several small streams draining swampy areas, from North Watuppa Pond, from Sawdy Pond via Stony Brook and from Stafford Pond in Rhode Island via Sucker Brook and the Bleachery Ponds. The pond's outlet is the Quequechan River which feeds into the Taunton River and Mount Hope Bay. Transparency is low at three feet and aquatic vegetation is scant. Algae blooms in the summer often color the water green while the rest of the year the water is tea colored. The bottom is composed of rubble, rock and muck, and there are numerous rubble-strewn shoals. Roughly a third of the 10 miles of shoreline is wooded or riprapped and accessible to anglers on foot, the rest of the shoreline is composed of residential and commercial development.

Access:

Public access to South Watuppa Pond is provided by a paved boat ramp and parking area provided by the Office of Fishing and Boating Access. The boat ramp (Latitude: 41.67397 N Longitude: 71.14011W) can be reached from Route 24 just south of its intersection with Route 195 by taking the Brayton Avenue exit. At the second set of lights, take a left onto Jefferson Street and follow it back over the highway and keep bearing to the left. Parking space is available for approximately 50 vehicles.

Management History:

Like most large ponds, South Watuppa Pond was stocked with a wide assortment of fish species including smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, walleye, bluegill, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, pumpkinseeds, bullheads, shiners, rainbow smelt, and brook trout. A July 1951 pond survey sampled white perch golden shiners, white sucker, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, black crappie, chain pickerel, redbfin pickerel, smallmouth bass, and brown bullhead. Tiger muskies were stocked in 1985, 1999 and 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2004; northern pike were stocked in 1989 and 1990.

Fish Populations:

South Watuppa Pond was last surveyed in June of 2007. Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and chain pickerel comprise the game species; panfish species include white perch, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, brown bullhead, bluegill, and black crappie; golden shiner and white sucker are forage species. Tiger muskies are also present today.

Fishing:

South Watuppa Pond is a popular site for bass tournaments and contains large populations of both smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. The large size, abundant structure and moderate fertility of this pond make it excellent smallmouth bass habitat. Most of the pond's productivity is tied up in white perch but due to its high fertility there is an abundance of yellow perch, black crappie and bluegill and pumpkinseed sunfish for the panfisherman. The recent stockings of tiger muskies have reached 12 to 15 pounds in weight and should offer some potential for the trophy angler.

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